

IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
RETIREMENT OF SHEILA CANZIAN

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheila Canzian upon her retirement after 52 years of public service to the people of San Mateo. Sheila is the marathon runner of parks and recreation directors, having started as a summer playground leader and moved her way steadily upward over decades of service.

She grew up in San Mateo and was hired in 1970. About 79,000 residents were served by the parks of San Mateo at the time. Today, San Mateo has nearly 104,000 residents and the recreational amenities of the city have grown to meet the needs of this increased population. She manages over 35 parks, six community centers, the Marina Lagoon, Poplar Creek Golf Course, and numerous other amenities that make San Mateo a youthful and fun place to live on the peninsula. Sheila was instrumental in the development of the city's shoreline parks along the bayfront, the senior center, and the rebranding of Poplar Creek Golf Course.

While all parks in San Mateo have their own character, the crown jewel is the site of the old Kohi Mansion, affectionately known as Central Park. During the year, families enjoy the winter ice rink, modern and accessible playground equipment, and a stunning Japanese Garden that draws visitors from around the world. If you love Central Park, recognize that Sheila is the heart that allows Central Park to live. The rose garden and train are beloved and allow families to exercise together while enjoying amenities unusual in a city the size of San Mateo. The community recreation center has witnessed countless public events and is a gathering place for San Mateo's seniors. In dogged pursuit of keeping Central Park in fine fiddle, and even when city finances were strained, Sheila did a remarkable job of managing countless koi fish, hundreds of trees and numerous city managers. The koi and the trees were quick learners.

If 52 years of professional service do not prove the point, in 2021 Sheila was voted into the American Academy of Parks and Recreation Administration, a nationwide body dedicated to recognizing distinguished professionals. The California Parks and Recreation Society has inducted her into its Hall of Fame, and she once served as its President and Secretary. She serves on the board of the San Mateo Police Activities League, the San Mateo Parks Foundation, and on numerous community boards. As children are her professional focus, she also gives to the community as a board member of Peninsula Family Service and the Mills-Peninsula Hospital Foundation. She is a second-generation native of San Mateo and earned her BA from the University of San Francisco and an MPA from Notre Dame de Namur University.

No recitation of her love of community would be complete without mentioning her heartfelt support of the city's special relationship with the 101st Airborne Division and the sister city relationship San Mateo enjoys with

Toyonaka, Japan. In recent years, my staff remembers attending a meeting where the city's little league team took at least 30 minutes to explain to the city council the special time that the young people of San Mateo had as they played against, and with, their youthful counterparts in Toyonaka. Organizers par excellence of this opportunity were Sheila Canzian and her colleagues at the San Mateo Parks and Recreation Department.

Along with City Clerk Patricia Olds and community member Linda Patterson, Sheila Canzian organizes all events that honor Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, of the 101st Airborne Division. The efforts of Sheila and hundreds of other San Mateo residents over the years since 1967 have boosted the morale of our troops and paid homage to their sacrifice for liberty on behalf of us all.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Sheila Canzian. If ever there was a case for pursuing a life of public service, I ask that we look at the public spaces nurtured by Sheila. The painter Claude Monet had his garden, and he built his life's work around its beauty. Sheila Canzian had a city, and her joyful work will be with us for generations yet to come.

**DOLLY TRAVIS**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dolly Anderson Travis of Lakewood, Colorado who will turn 100 years old on June 18, 2022.

Dolly Anderson Travis was born June 18, 1922 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Dolly's great-grandparents immigrated from Austria and Slovakia. Dolly's parents having only a grade school education valued education as a means to success in the United States and made it a priority for both her and her brother, Jan. When Dolly was 11 or so, her parents paid for a few piano lessons which they felt would provide a creative outlet for her and her brother. They both quickly discovered a prodigious talent for music. Within a year, Dolly and Jan were playing instrumental accompaniment for singers on Hazleton's radio station WAZL and at other public events. While at Julliard in the early 1940s, Dolly was recruited to participate in numerous musical and entertainment events sponsored by the United Service Organization, started in 1941 to entertain soldiers, sailors and airmen departing for overseas deployment during WWII. She subsequently played in many swing-era bands in New York City, where she played the piano, accordion, guitar and saxophone.

Dolly married a sailor from Brooklyn, New York in the early 1950s and moved to Denver, where she fell in love with the mountains and the great outdoors. She was fond of western, cowboy music and culture, and started a family in Thornton, a Denver suburb, where her son Mark and daughter June would grow up.

Dolly loves to shop for unique items and collectibles from the many indoor malls that dot the Denver landscape. Villa Italia mall in

Lakewood, a suburb of Denver, was one of her favorites, offering a large variety of merchandise at so many price points. She particularly enjoyed the grilled cheese sandwiches that Woolworth offered in their restaurants in the early days of the mall and throughout their Denver locations. She enjoyed taking her children to the Sinclair dinosaur exhibit in Villa Italia's parking lot, featuring lifelike recreations of dinosaurs which Sinclair would host in Denver and other cities during the 1960s.

Dolly still plays the piano, walks without assistance, and is addicted to blueberry and cherry pies. Dolly has an unfinished concerto she's been composing for years, loves reading the funnies, and enjoys perusing tabloids and gossip magazines while hanging out at the local Starbucks.

Celebrating 100 years of age is a tremendous milestone and should be celebrated. It is my privilege to wish Dolly a very happy birthday and wish her all the best in the future.

**BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL  
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, Buchanan High School has produced more than 10,000 hardworking, bright individuals over the last hundred years who have gone on to better our community for generations to come.

One hundred years ago Buchanan High School opened its doors for the very first time here. Twenty-five classrooms, an auditorium, a gymnasium and two offices were quickly filled with learning, listening and friendship. Over time this building has grown to accommodate increased enrollment and the ever-changing field of education.

I would like to personally thank each and every educator, administrator and staff member who made virtual learning possible for our students during the pandemic and laid the groundwork for us to return to in-person learning. It truly is good to be back to some normalcy, but we must not forget the difficulties we faced not too long ago. The dedicated folks here at Buchanan High School made sure that every student had access to the internet and a dedicated laptop to learn, making sure that no student was left behind. Under the leadership of many principals, first Floyd Early when Buchanan High School opened its doors and a century later under Stacey DeMaio, Buchanan High School has continued to "Develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society."

I am eager to see the accomplishments Buchanan High School will achieve over these next one hundred years and the progress made both here in this building and by alumni across the world.

And lastly, Go Bucks.